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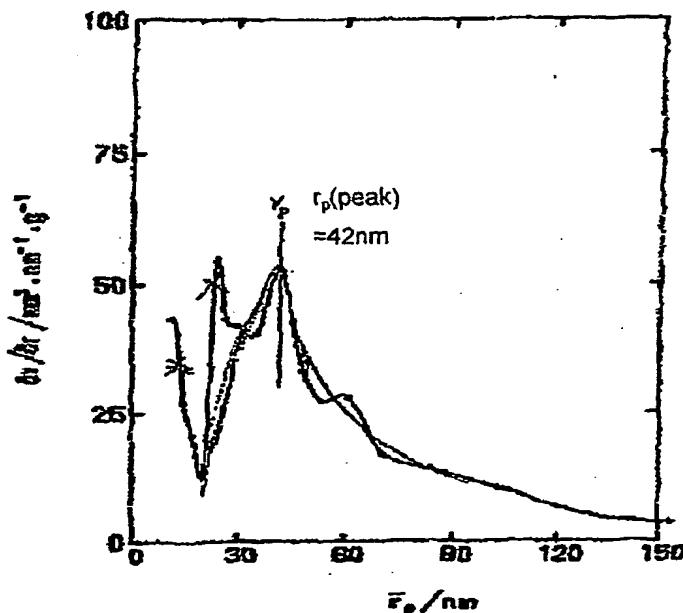
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides amorphous silica particles having high oil absorbency and high structural characteristics, wherein the oil absorbency is hardly decreased even when a high load is applied to the amorphous silica particles. In particular, amorphous silica particles are provided, wherein the maximum value of  $\Delta V_p / \Delta R_p$  (where  $V_p$  is the pore volume [ $\text{mm}^3/\text{g}$ ] and  $R_p$  is the pore radius [ $\text{nm}$ ]) is  $20 \text{ mm}^3/\text{nm} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$  or more in the pore distribution curve obtained by a benzene adsorption isotherm, and the pore peak radius when the  $\Delta V_p / \Delta R_p$  value is maximum is from 20 nm or more to 100 nm or less.

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